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“Once we realize **how much God has given us**, we learn that **a life of sacrifice**, of **working for him** and **for others**, becomes *a privileged way* of **responding to his great love...**”

- Pope Francis at St. Patrick’s Cathedral, NYC

February 20, 2017

Dear Co-workers in the vineyard,

Ministry may not always feel like the “privileged way” Pope Francis speaks about in the above quote, as you certainly experience sacrifice, however, please remember always those small treasures, those moments of grace, those precious and sacred experiences in your ministry when you are an instrument of and witness to God’s grace working in others’ lives. Allow those moments to remind you how much God has given you and to strengthen your resolve to go forth in response to his great love.

THANK YOU for all that you do in your ministry.

The Office of Vocations for the Archdiocese of Newark is seeking your assistance with promoting two wonderful opportunities this summer for young men in your parish. The first being our second annual **Quo Vadis Retreat** for young men in high school; the second being our inaugural **10:2 Retreat**, a week of discernment, discipleship and service for men between the ages of 18-25.

Both retreats are inclined towards young men who may have expressed an interest in priesthood or young men whom you sense that the possibility of priesthood may rest in their heart. The retreats are not “priest camp,” as one mother shared with me, rather the time away is an opportunity for discernment, fraternity, fun, an experience of faith, and the gift to grow in Christian manhood.

QUO VADIS - The *Quo Vadis Retreat* is an opportunity to examine where one’s life is going. This retreat is designed to help young men understand their baptismal call to holiness, via married life, religious life or the priesthood. On this retreat, he will be able to take time to ask the Lord where it is He desires to send them.

Hosted at the Archdiocesan Youth Center in Kearny, the days will include a variety of activities including but not limited to opportunities for prayer, talks, fraternity, service and fun. More information and a video from last year’s retreat can be found on our website

www.NewPriestNJ.com/quovadis

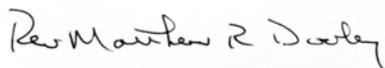
10:2 Retreat – *The 10:2 Retreat* also, is an opportunity to examine where one's life is going while bringing men to a more intimate understanding of their baptismal call to holiness. Based on Luke 10:2 ("The harvest is great, but the laborers are few..."), this mission trip retreat is a week-long retreat in Eastern Kentucky on the Emmaus Farm whose cornerstone is simplicity, community, prayer, and service. The week will include a variety of activities including service, construction, the ministry of presence and fraternity. More information and registration can be found on our website at

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My friends, more than 50% of those ordained to the priesthood during the past five years in the United States, some 2,500 men, were invited by someone to consider the possibility that God may desire the particular vocation of priesthood for them. **The power of invitation is real!** I am asking you to consider joining me in the ministry of priestly vocations here in the Archdiocese and to prayerfully identify a young man in your community for you to invite. I am asking you to consider extending an invitation to a young man to participate in one of these retreats.

Both retreats are limited in the number of those who can attend, please consider this as an opportunity to respond to God's love for you and his Church. Please contact the office with any questions or concerns. Again, the website is www.NewPriestNJ.com and our phone number is 973-313-6190.

May the Lord continue to inspire and lead you,



Matthew R. Dooley
Director, Office of Vocations
Archdiocese of Newark

QUO VADIS?

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A Discernment Retreat for Catholic Young Men in High School

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*“The harvest is abundant
but the laborers are few;
so ask the master of the harvest
to send out laborers
for his harvest.”*
~ Luke 10:2

Discernment
10:2
Discipleship + Service

AUG. 18-25

A week of discernment, discipleship, fraternity, & service for Catholic men ages 18-25. Hosted at Emmaus Farm, Eastern Kentucky. Cost is \$250; Financial Assistance is available. For more information and to register visit:

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